of the citizens, and as far as consistent meets the wants of the manufacturers, merchants, and others doing business with the railway.

At a subsequent meeting of the business men of the city and the railway officials a Citizens' Committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Hickson as to on what terms running powers would be granted other railways running over the L. & P. S. Railway. And we would reccommend the new Council to appoint a committee to act in connection with the Citizens' Committee in endeavoring to procure railway competition, and trust the bylaw for granting a bonus to the proposed new railway will carry by a large majority on the 29th inst., and that both Council and citizens will be united in using ever legitimate means in there power to procure as good railway competition as is enjoyed by any city or town in Ontario.

This, with the benefit derived from the erection of buildings by the Government and maintaining a military school in the city, and economy on the part of the new Council so as to reduce our taxes under 20 mills, prosperity will be the future lot of the Forest City.

The following is the City Solicitor's opinion as to the position the city will be in respecting the L. & P. S. Railway at the close of the lease to the G. W. R.:

Re London & Port Stanley Railway Company—

The city originally owned stock in the company to the amount of	$200,000
And acquired on separation from county an additional	20,000
Total	$220,000
On 8th January, 1872, the city sold of its stock	70,000
And now owns	$150 000

The total stock of the company, as certified by Mr. Bowman, the secretary, is $441,500, most of which, except what the city owns, is held by the nominees of the Great Western Railway Company. The bonded debt is as follows:

1. Mortgage bonds maturing 31st August, 1892—

City of London	$327,649
City of St. Thomas	38,296
Total	$36[illegible],9[illegible]5

2. Mortgage bonds maturing same date—

City of London	$164,400

3. Mortgage bonds maturing same date—

City of London	$139 329
City of St. Thomas	10,637
Total	$149 966

By the act 45, Vic. chap. 54, section 10, the company is prevented issuing or alloting more stock until the mortgage bonds are paid.

By sections 11 and 12, the company is prohibited from making any union, junction or amalgamation with any other company, or leasing or making traffic arrangements without the consent of shareholders representing two-thirds of the subscribed capital of the company.

These provisions prevent any of these arrangements being made if opposed by the city of London.

At the termination of the lease the city will be in the position of mortgage bond holders, having their bonds in arrears (that is, assuming they are not paid off), and entitled to have a receiver appointed of the road, or may then apply to the Legislature for relief by sale of the railway for default in payment of the bonds, and no doubt would by legislation be given the same voice in the management of the road if it were desired not to sell in respect of their bonds as if the bonds were stock of the company.

The city can at any time sell its mortgage bonds.

W. R. MEREDITH.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALD. GREEN,
Chairman, Railway Committee.

London, Jan. 11.

Adopted and referred to new council.

RENAMING STREETS.

Ald. Toll moved and Ald. Lilley seconded—That a bylaw be prepared and submitted, changing the name of Nightingale avenue, in No. 5 ward, to Nelson street, and Lyman and John streets to Princess avenue. Carried.

Mayor Becher reported that he had kept down the expenditure for relief $20 or $30 below the appropriation.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

By Ald. Taylor—That I will move at the next meeting of the Council that offers in a lump sum for the purchase of the military grounds in the city be asked for.

Ald. Scarrow.—Resolved that it is desirable that the part of the township of Westminster known as London South, should be added to the limits of the city of London by proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Sec. 21, chap. 18. Ontario Statutes, 1883.

Ald. Scarrow—That it be referred to the City Engineer to ascertain and report to the next meeting of the Council the exact bounds of the various surveys comprised in London South, and also to report the most desirable boundaries of the addition to be made to the city.

The Council then adjourned.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, January 18th, 1886.

The inaugural meeting of the new Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at noon yesterday. There were present: Mayor Becher (in the chair), Ald. Taylor, Watson, Davis, O'Meara, Kingston, Macdonald, Browne, Hook, Stringer, Dawson, Garrett, Boyd, Bartlett, Heaman and Nutkins.

The first proceeding was the induction of Mayor-elect Hodgens, which Mayor Becher accomplished with a few appropriate remarks, congratulating Mayor Hodgens on his success, and expressing the opinion that he would do his best as chief magistrate for the city's interests.

Mayor Hodgens said it would be presumption on his part to attempt to fill the mayor's chair with the same ability and success as his immediate predecessor, still he hoped to be able at the end of his term to give a good account of the year's work. He pointed to the necessity that existed for the management of every department in the most economical way, and hoped that the Council would be vigilant in looking after the city's interests from the beginning to the end of 1886. (Applause.)

ELECTION OF AUDITORS.

The Mayor nominated Mr. Geo. F. Jewell as his auditor for 1886.

Ald. Boyd moved, seconded by Ald. Dawson, that the election of auditors be laid over until the evening session. Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Under Secretary of State—Saying that the Dominion Government were very grateful for the amount expended by the city in supporting the families of the brave citizen soldiers who went to the front, but that the Government had no money to pay out in that way, and could not, therefore, reimburse the city. Filed.

From Hon. John Carling—Stating that he would use his influence to help the city get additional railway facilities if possible. Received and filed.

From Dr. Gardiner—Applying for a position on the hospital visiting staff. Laid over.

From Mrs. Burgess—For remission of taxes. No. 1.

From the Board of Education—Asking for rooms in No. 5 ward hall for school purposes. No. 2 with power.

From the clerk of the county—Enclosing resolutions to the effect that the county would not give a quit claim on the Exhibition grounds till their lien of $3,000 was paid. No 1.

From Mary Fenton—Stating that the Relief Inspector had circulated reports injurious to her character which prevented her from getting work, and asking the Council to take some action in the matter. No. 3.

From T. A. Browne, Andrew Dale, and John Carnagie—Applying for the position of city auditor. Laid over.

STRIKING COMMITTEES.

Ald. Taylor moved, seconded by Ald. Boyd, that Ald. Watson, O'Meara, Stringer, Boyd and Heaman be a committee to strike standing committees.

Ald. Davis moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Garrett, that O'Meara, Stringer, Davis, Heaman and Dawson be a committee to strike the standing committees.

The vote resulted in a tie, which Mayor Hodgens decided by voting for Ald Taylor's motion.

Ald. Boyd immediately moved, seconded by Ald. Browne, that the appointment of trustees be left over until to-night. Carried, and the Council adjourned to give the Striking Committee time to report.

THE COMMITTEES.

Ald. Watson, in presenting the report of the striking committees as follows:

No. 1—Ald. Davis, Brown, Dawson, Bartlett and Kingston.

No. 2—Ald. Taylor, O'Meara, Hook Boyd and Heaman.

No. 3—Ald. Watson, McDonald, Nutkins, Stringer, and Garratt.

Ald. McDonald moved in amendment to the report that the name of Ald Boyd be taken off No. 2, and that of Ald. Garrett substituted. Ald Heaman seconded.

Considerable discussion sprang up over the matter, but finally a vote was taken and Ald. McDonald's amendment carried. On the demand of Ald. Taylor the vote was taken a second time, and the amendment again declared carried.

Ald. Boyd called for the yeas and nays.

Ald. McDonald objected to this, as the matter was past and gone, and it was too late.

Ald. Boyd thought he knew what he was talking about. He wanted the yeas and nays, and the Mayor decided that he should have them.

Yeas—Ald. Davis, McDonald, Garratt, Nutkins, Heaman and Bartlett; 6. Nays—